



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

[Docket No. FCIC-23-0005]

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Extension of approval of an information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public comment period on the information collection requests (ICRs) associated with the Subpart U- Ineligibility for Programs under the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

DATES: Comments that we receive on this notice will be accepted until close of business [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FCIC-23-0005. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Comments will be available for viewing online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francie Tolle; telephone (816) 926-7829; email francie.tolle@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice) or (844) 433-2774 (toll-free nationwide).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Subpart U – Ineligibility for Programs under the Federal Crop Insurance Act

OMB Control Number: 0563-0085.

Type of Request: Notice of request for extension of a currently approved information collection

Abstract: The following mandates require FCIC to identify persons who are ineligible to

participate in the Federal crop insurance program administered under the Federal Crop Insurance Act:

- (1) Section 1764 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198);
- (2) 21 U.S.C. chapter 13;
- (3) Section 14211 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-246);
- (4) Executive Order 12549; and
- (5) 7 U.S.C. 1515.

The FCIC and approved insurance providers use the information collected to determine whether persons seeking to obtain Federal crop insurance coverage are ineligible for such coverage according to those mandates. The purpose of collecting the information is to ensure persons that are ineligible for benefits under the Federal crop insurance program are accurately identified as such and do not obtain benefits to which they are not eligible.

FCIC and RMA do not obtain information used to identify a person as ineligible for benefits under the Federal crop insurance program directly from the ineligible person. Approved insurance providers notify RMA of persons with a delinquent debt electronically through a secure automated system. RMA (1) sends written notification to the person informing them they are ineligible for benefits under the Federal crop insurance program; and (2) places that person on the RMA Ineligible Tracking System until the person regains eligibility for such benefits.

RMA's Office of General Counsel notifies RMA in writing of persons convicted of controlled substance violations. RMA (1) sends written notification to the person informing them they are ineligible for benefits under the Federal crop insurance program; and (2) places that person on RMA's Ineligible Tracking System until the person regains eligibility for such benefits.

Persons debarred, suspended or disqualified by RMA are (1) notified, in writing, they are ineligible for benefits under the Federal crop insurance program; and (2) placed on RMA's Ineligible Tracking System until the person regains eligibility for such benefits.

Information identifying persons who are ineligible for benefits under the Federal crop insurance program is made available to all approved insurance providers through RMA's Ineligible Tracking System. The Ineligible Tracking System is an electronic system, maintained by RMA, which identifies persons who are ineligible to participate in the Federal crop insurance program. The information must be made available to all approved insurance providers to ensure ineligible persons cannot circumvent the mandates by switching from one approved insurance providers to another.

In addition, information identifying persons who are debarred, suspended or disqualified by RMA is provided to the General Services Administration to be included in the Excluded Parties List System, an electronic system maintained by the General Services Administration that provides current information about persons who are excluded or disqualified from covered transactions.

Estimate of burden: Reporting burden for the collection and transmission of information by approved insurance providers, including reporting for late payment of debt for approved insurance provider reinstatement and Administrator reinstatement, is estimated to average 21 minutes per response.

Respondents: Approved insurance providers.

Estimated number of respondents: 14 approved insurance providers.

Estimated number of forms per respondent: All information is obtained electronically from approved insurance providers.

Estimated total annual responses: 6,328 from all respondents.

Estimated total annual respondent burden: 2,207 from all respondents.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

- (1) evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- (2) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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